

repaired to Phila^a in Feby 1757 at the Instance of the Earl of Loudon was detained
there upwards of five Weeks & You may remember Sir that I took the same
Journey again in Feby 1759 at Your Excellency's Desire tho I had not the pleasure
You had by Your Letter given me room to expect. Finding our Frontier Inhabitants
would otherwise abandon their Settlements I continued during the Months of June July
& August 1756 at a considerable Expence in that part of the Province which was
most exposed to the Indian Incursions with a Number of Volunteers whom I had
engaged to accompany me, & was prevailed on by Brig^o Forbes to perform again the
same Service during the greatest part of Feby June July Aug^o Sept^o & Oct^o 1750
in order that he might be at liberty to draw all the Regulars & Provincials from Fort
Cumberland & Fort Frederick which places I at that time garrisoned with Volunteers
from our Militia. The extraordinary Expences I was put to by the above mentioned
Journeys & Services together with £73. 2. 6 which I paid for Letters & Expences sent
to or by me on Account of His Majesty's Service between the Years 1755 & 1759 amounting
I am confident & I doubt not but Your Excellency will think so to a much larger Sum
tho I chose to mention to the Secretary of State to whom indeed I never should have
preferred any Claim had there been the least probability of my being otherwise reimbursed.
In case Your Excellency or the Commissioners to whom this Affair may be referred should
be satisfied of the Justice & reasonableness of my Claim by the Report of the three Gene-
rals thereon Mr Prop^r is impowered by me to receive & give a Discharge for the Money
reported to be due to me, but if a particular Account of every Sum I disbursed &
for what it was paid is required I will as far as may be in my power state such
Account & remit it to your Excellency with every Receipt & Voucher in my possession.

To S^r John S^r Clair. Ann^o 10th March 1762

S^r General Amherst having lately informed me that the S^rs of the Treasury have
transmitted to him a Report made to them by the Earl of Loudoun Gen^l Abercrombie
& General Stanwix in favour of the Officers & Men who composed the Maryland Troop